

## Did You Know?

The first school taught in Corunna was in a private school in a log cabin in 1840. In 1841, a school was opened in a building used for county purposes on the west side of Shiawassee Street.

Corunna Public School's long and proud school history began in 1842 when the district was first organized and erected a one-room, one-story building on grounds given for that purpose.

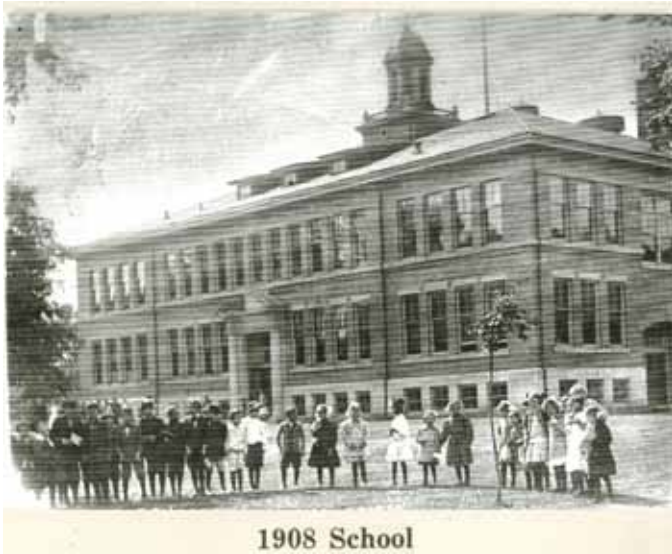


This school was used until 1851 when it became necessary to build a larger school at a cost of \$4,000. The older school was then used as a dwelling. In 1866, it again became necessary to build a larger schoolhouse. It was built next to the earlier school at a cost of \$20,000. Both the 1851 & 1866 brick buildings were on the site of the present day Shiawassee Street School until they burned in the fall of 1882.



In 1882 a beautiful new brick building replaced the two schools on the same site. On April 14, 1908, it also burnt.

The present Shiawassee Street School was erected in 1908 at a cost of \$35,110. The site is now listed as a historical site.



1908 School

### Caledonia Township Schools

Caledonia Township school houses included the Eveleth School, Flint School, Hawkins School, Hintz School, Kelly School, Kerby School & Young School. These schools were primarily one-story single-room schoolhouses, and began as early as 1846. Most of their founders conducted classes inside their log homes prior to the construction of the school houses. Many of these schools continued to operate well into the 1960's, and several are still standing yet today.

## **We Need Your Help!**

We are hard at work in our efforts to preserve our local history. Fires, closures, Mother Nature, pests and a host of other reasons have left us with an incomplete record of our school history. Do you have old photos, report cards, announcements, diplomas or other records? We would like to ask that you consider either donating them to the Corunna Historical Village, or loaning them to us for a brief time. All records will be photo copied and digitized to ensure our legacy lives on!

Several projects and studies of local historical significance are currently in the works. Of particular interest are:

- Records from 1860-1880 for the Kelly School.
- Records prior to 1908 for the Shiawassee Street Schools.
- Records from 1850-1890 for the Kerby School.
- Records regarding the surname of Magaw.
- Records regarding the surname of Thompson.
- Records regarding the Kerby Coal Mines.

### **If you can help, please contact:**

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Donated Records will be maintained by the Corunna Historical Commission.

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